

## THE WAR RELATED ILLNESS AND INJURY STUDY CENTER (WRIISC) ANNOUNCES VETERAN EDUCATION CLASSES VIA TELEHEALTH



**The War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC)**, is a national VHA Post Deployment Health program. The WRIISC fulfills its mission to develop and provide post-deployment health expertise to Veterans and their health care providers through:

- ✓ CLINICAL CARE - an interfacility consultation service for VA Providers to assist them in addressing COMPLEX post deployment health issues and environmental exposure concerns of combat Veterans
- ✓ RESEARCH – a program of studies focused on the health concerns of Veterans
- ✓ EDUCATION - post deployment health and environmental exposures awareness for Veterans and clinicians

### CLASSES FOR VETERANS:

The WRIISC site in East Orange, NJ is pleased to partner with VISN 2 facilities to offer Telehealth classes to Veterans outside of our local area via *Clinical Video Technology (CVT)*. These classes assist Veterans in exploring what is currently known about exposure health concerns in general and offers Veterans a key opportunity to answer some of their lingering questions.

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**“AGENT ORANGE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW,”** designed to: 1) Increase Veteran learning on the potential impact of deployment; and 2) Provide available post deployment health resources.

**“FY 20” CLASSES COMING SOON!\*\*\*\***

**“AIRBORNE HAZARDS AND BURN PITS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW,”** discusses: 1) Deployment-related airborne hazards: its identification and concerns; 2) Medical surveillance and health effects; and 3) Health education.

**“GULF WAR EXPOSURES & HEALTH CONCERNS: A CLASS FOR VETERANS,”** covers: 1). Exposures and their corresponding research findings; 2) Health effects and the knowledge needed to identify relative symptoms; and 3) Available resources and techniques available to Veterans to help them manage their symptoms and improve their quality of life.

### OUR ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOU!

This is a great opportunity for your Veterans with exposure related concerns to learn directly from our WRIISC Occupational and Environmental Exposure experts. To make this offering successful, we are looking for VA facility dedicated “champions” to partner with us. The “champion” will serve as the lead point of contact. He/she will obtain assistance from their Facility Telehealth Coordinators, Public Affairs Officers and the Computer Applications Coordinator to facilitate and host the classes. WRIISC’s expert staff facilitate and provide all class materials. Further questions on Telehealth and our classes can be forwarded to: Debbie Skeete Bernard, MSN, RN at [debbie.skeete-bernard@va.gov](mailto:debbie.skeete-bernard@va.gov) or call 973-676-1000 ext. 2714.

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